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REBASING TO 1981 OF HONG KONG IMPORT AND EXPORT
UNIT VALUE AND QUANTUM INDEXES

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THE JULY 1982 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE, CONTAINS A SPECIAL ARTICLE ON +THE REBASING TO 1981 OF HONG KONG IMPORT AND EXPORT UNIT VALUE AND QUANTUM INDEXES+.

BEFORE 1982, THE UNIT VALUE AND QUANTUM INDEXES WERE BASED ON 1973. FROM 1973 TO 1981, SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS TOOK PLACE IN THE WORLD MARKET, IN THE DIRECTION AND COMPOSITION OF WORLD TRADE, IN THE SOPHISTICATION OF GOODS TRADED, AND IN THE PRICE STRUCTURE. TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE CHANGED TRADING ENVIRONMENT AND TO ENHANCE THE USEFULNESS OF THESE TRADE INDEXES, IT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO RE-BASE THE TRADE INDEXES FROM 1973 TO 1981 WITH EFFECT FROM THE JANUARY 1982 INDEX NUMBERS.

TO MEASURE ANY CHANGE IN TRADE VALUE IN REAL TERMS, IT IS NECESSARY TO ANALYSE HOW MUCH OF THE CHANGE CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A CHANGE IN PRICE AND HOW MUCH IS DUE TO A CHANGE IN VOLUME. BY COMPILING UNIT VALUE AND QUANTUM INDEXES TO REFLECT THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS, MORE IN-DEPTH ANALYSES AND ASSESSMENTS CAN BE MADE OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY.

THE UNIT VALUE INDEX IS A CHAINED LASPEYRES INDEX, COMPARING THE CURRENT PERIOD UNIT VALUES OF THE SELECTED ITEMS WITH THEIR AVERAGE UNIT VALUES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, USING THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S TRADE VALUES AS WEIGHTS, AND CHAINED TO THE BASE YEAR BY THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S UNIT VALUE INDEX. THE QUANTUM INDEX IS DERIVED BY DEFLATING THE VALUE INDEX BY THE UNIT VALUE INDEX. HENCE IT IS A PAASCHE INDEX, COMPARING THE CURRENT PERIOD TRADE VOLUME WITH THE AVERAGE BASE YEAR TRADE VOLUME.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPILING TRADE INDEXES, OVERALL DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ARE DISAGGREGATED INTO MAIN-CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES, SUCH AS EXPORTS OF CLOTHING AND IMPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS. MONTHLY INDEXES ARE COMPILED FOR THESE MAIN-CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES AND THEY ARE AGGREGATED TO FORM THE OVERALL INDEXES. THERE ARE ALSO NINE SETS OF COUNTRY INDEXES, FOUR FOR THE MAIN EXPORT MARKETS AND FIVE FOR THE MAIN SUPPLYING COUNTRIES. THESE COUNTRY INDEXES SERVE AS INDICATORS OF THE PERFORMANCE AND THE PATTERN OF HONG KONG'S BILATERAL TRADE WITH INDIVIDUAL MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE REBASING OF THE TRADE INDEXES, TWO AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT WERE EXAMINED. FIRSTLY, THE BASKET OF COMMODITIES SELECTED FOR COMPILING TRADE INDEXES WAS REVIEWED, AND SECONDLY, THE DISAGGREGATION OF THE OVERALL INDEXES INTO MAIN-CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES WAS REVISED, SO AS TO IMPROVE THE RELIABILITY AND REPRESENTATIVENESS OF THE TRADE INDEXES.

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IN ADDITION, A NEW APPROACH HAS BEEN ADOPTED IN THE COMPILATION OF TRADE INDEXES, STARTING IN 1982. TO REDUCE THE NON-PRICE FLUCTUATIONS WITHIN THE UNIT VALUE OF A COMMODITY ITEM CAUSED BY COUNTRY DIFFERENCES, COUNTRIES WITH SIMILAR PRICE CHARACTERISTICS ARE GROUPED TOGETHER TO FORM REGIONS, AND THE CURRENT PERIOD UNIT VALUE FOR EACH REGION OF THE COMMODITY ITEM IS COMPARED WITH ITS AVERAGE UNIT VALUE IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THIS REFINEMENT IN CALCULATION PROCEDURE SHOULD IMPROVE THE RELIABILITY OF THE UNIT VALUE INDEXES, AND HENCE THE QUANTUM INDEXES.

THE JULY DIGEST IS ON SALE AT HK\$18 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, HONG KONG.

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ADDICTS' NEED FOR JOBS STRESSED

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NEXT TO MEDICAL SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT WAS PROBABLY THE BIGGEST FACTOR IN FREEING AN ADDICT FROM DRUGS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A TEA PARTY GIVEN BY THE EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE COMMITTEE FOR VOLUNTARILY REHABILITATED DRUG ABUSERS, MR ALLEYNE SAID THAT FIRSTLY- WORK PROMISED THE FIRST RETURN TO SELF-RESPECT AND A DISCIPLINED WAY OF LIFE BY A DRUG ADDICT -- ESSENTIAL FOR STARTING THE REHABILITATION PROCESS.

SECONDLY, THE PATTERN OF DAILY WORK GETS THE ADDICT AWAY FROM THE DRUG CULTURE AND BACK INTO THE NORMAL ENVIRONMENT WHICH VALUES AND REWARDS PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES.

+AND THIRDLY, THE ADDICT CAN START TO LOOK AFTER HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY AGAIN, REDUCING THE DANGER OF ITS INSTABILITY AND THE RISK OF THE CHILDREN BEING DAMAGED BY STRAINS OF AN ADDICTED PARENT,+ HE SAID.

MR ALLEYNE SAID IT WAS NOT ONLY THE ADDICT HIMSELF WHO SUFFERED : THE VICTIMS ALSO INCLUDED HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

AND SOCIETY HAD +TO HELP SUPPORT THE COSTS OF TREATING AND REHABILITATING THE ADDICT, ASSISTING HIS FAMILY AND ENFORCING THE LAW+.

+THE PROCESS OF LIBERATION FROM DRUG ADDICTION IS LONG AND PAINFUL,+ HE SAID.

MR ALLEYNE SAID ADDICTION HAD COMPLEX SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CAUSES AND WAS NOT SIMPLY THE RESULT OF CRIMINAL SELF-INDULGENCE.

SOCIETY COULD HELP IN THE REHABILITATION OF ADDICTS THOUGH THIS WAS A LONG PROCESS, HE SAID.

THE PIONEERING EFFORTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE COMMITTEE SHOWED HOW MUCH COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS FIELD.

THE COMMITTEE, SET UP IN 1975, FINDS JOBS FOR EX-ADDICTS, AND PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING, PETTY CASH AND INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO THEM.

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EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL SURVEY FOR THIRD QUARTER
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NEXT MONTH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SURVEY WILL COVER ABOUT 95 000 ESTABLISHMENTS DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING DISTRIBUTIVE AND CATERING (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) AND SERVICES SECTORS WITH FULL ENUMERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1982 WILL BE ASKED OF EACH ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE SAMPLE AND ASKED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF JULY - SEPTEMBER 1982.

ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MAJOR KINDS OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS EARLY NEXT MONTH. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD. FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE, RETURN ENVELOPES BEARING THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE PROVIDED.

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION,
CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT,
KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING,
317 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL,
HONG KONG.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS HAVE DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS (PRINTED AT THE BACK OF THE SURVEY FORMS):

5-436551
5-444301
5-455661
5-455668

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SHORT-TERM TENANCIES IN YUEN LONG
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCIES OF TWO LOTS IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA.

THE LOTS, ABOUT 755 SQUARE METRES EACH, SHOULD BE USED FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING PAINT-SPRAYING, OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

THE TENANCIES WILL BE FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD INITIALLY, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE TENDERS IS NOON, OCTOBER 15.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG, WHERE TENDER PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED.

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FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS IN NEW TERRITORIES
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THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 1) WILL BE CELEBRATED IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH A SERIES OF ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES.

THE ACTIVITIES ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES AND SPONSORED BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND DISTRICT BOARDS.

IN NORTH DISTRICT, MORE THAN 700 PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 60 WILL BE INVITED TO A MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL NIGHT FOR THE ELDERLY TO BE HELD AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE TWO-HOUR PROGRAMME, STARTING AT 8 PM, WILL FEATURE CANTONESE OPERA AND SINGING PERFORMANCES, AND A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR A LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION.

MOONCAKES, DRINKS AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE PROVIDED BY LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

IN TAI PO, A LANTERN GALA WILL BE HELD AT TAI YUEN ESTATE FROM 8 PM TO 11 PM ON FRIDAY.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A LION DANCE, A MAGIC SHOW, SINGING AND DANCING, GAMES AND A LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION.

RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO BRING ALONG THEIR HOME-MADE LANTERNS FOR THIS OPEN CONTEST WHICH CARRIES BOOK COUPONS AND CONSOLATION PRIZES FOR THE WINNING ENTRIES.

ON SATURDAY IN TAI PO, A TWO-AND-A-HALF-HOUR CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT HEUNG SZE WUI STREET FOOTBALL GROUND FROM 8 PM, FEATURING A LANTERN RIDDLE CONTEST, A LANTERN DISPLAY AND A VARIETY SHOW.

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IN SHA TIN, A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE PLAYGROUND OPPOSITE BLOCK 97 OF YUEN CHAU KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA ON FRIDAY EVENING.

THE 90-MINUTE SHOW, STARTING AT 9 PM, HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

BESIDES PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, THE SHOW IS INTENDED TO PUBLICISE THE IMPORTANCE OF FIGHTING CRIME AMONG YOUNGSTERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A CELEBRATION PROGRAMME ON SATURDAY EVENING AT THE JOCKEY CLUB TEMPORARY SPORTS GROUND.

IN ISLANDS DISTRICT, CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES WILL START AT 7 PM AT THE MUI WO ROUND TABLE VILLAGE AND AT 8 PM AT PUI O PLAYGROUND ON FRIDAY.

CELEBRATIONS WILL START AT 7.30 PM AT CHAU TUNG WAN AND AT 8 PM AT TAI O ON SATURDAY.

IN TSUEN WAN, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF LAI YIU AND LAI KING ESTATES HAVE ALSO ORGANISED CELEBRATION PROGRAMMES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS BEGINNING AT 8 PM ON FRIDAY.

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO

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AN EXTENSIVE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE FA HUI PARK IN SHAM SHUI PO FROM 7 PM TO 11 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THE PROGRAMME, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE SHAM SHUI PO CULTURAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE AND THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, WILL FEATURE LION DANCES, LANTERN RIDDLES, PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY DISPLAYS, CHINESE TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFT, SINGING, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES AND A LUCKY DRAW.

REFRESHMENTS AND GIFTS WILL BE OFFERED.

THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (SHAM SHUI PO), MR STEPHEN IP, URBAN COUNCILLORS, MR TSIN SAI-NIN AND MR HOWARD YOUNG, AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO), MR M.F. WHITE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE LUCKY DRAW AND GIFTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE FA HUI PARK TOMORROW (THURSDAY) FROM 7 PM TO 11 PM.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND
FOR MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE PEAK AREA AND CAUSEWAY BAY ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 1) FOR THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

ON THE PEAK, PARKING SPACES AT THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS AND THE VICTORY PEAK GARDEN WILL BE CLOSED FROM 2 PM TO 3 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

PEAK ROAD OUTSIDE THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CAR PARK AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE CAR PARK WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY CLOCKWISE.

ONLY LOCAL RESIDENTS' VEHICLES OR THOSE WITH PERMITS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER MT. AUSTIN ROAD, LUGARD ROAD AND HARLECH ROAD FROM 6.30 PM UNTIL 3 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

IN CAUSEWAY BAY, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7.30 PM ON FRIDAY TO 3 AM THE NEXT DAY:

- * GLOUCESTER ROAD OUTSIDE VICTORIA PARK;
- * KINGSTON STREET BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND CLEVELAND STREET;
- * PATERSON STREET BETWEEN KINGSTON STREET AND YEE WO STREET;
- * SUGAR STREET; AND
- * GREAT GEORGE STREET.

WESTBOUND VEHICLES ALONG CAUSEWAY ROAD EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND MAXICABS WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO HING FAT STREET.

THE HING FAT STREET CAR PARK, METERED PARKING SPACES IN CLEVELAND STREET, TUNG LO WAN ROAD AND THE TAXI STAND IN PATERSON STREET WILL ALL BE CLOSED FROM 12 NOON ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 1) UNTIL 3 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

THE PLB STAND IN SUGAR STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7.30 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 1) TO 3 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 2).

ON FRIDAY EVENING, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING LEIGHTON ROAD; TIN LOK LANE; CAROLINE HILL ROAD; EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD; TAI HANG ROAD NORTH OF LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD; TUNG LO WAN ROAD; ELECTRIC ROAD SOUTH OF WING HING STREET; MORRISON HILL ROAD NORTH OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST; HENNESSY ROAD EAST OF MARSH ROAD; AND TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD WEST OF CLOUD VIEW ROAD.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF COMMUTERS, VARIOUS PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WILL BE INCREASED.

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MORE LANTAU BUSES WILL OPERATE ON ROUTES 1, 3, 4 AND 5 FROM FRIDAY TO SUNDAY.

THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL JOURNEYS ON CMB ROUTES 15 (CENTRAL - THE PEAK) AND 15B (CAUSEWAY BAY - THE PEAK) FROM 7 PM ON FRIDAY.

TWO SPECIAL ROUTES - 15A (NORTH POINT FERRY - THE PEAK) AND 15M (ADMIRALTY MTR STATION - THE PEAK) WILL BE OPERATED.

HONG KONG ISLAND MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 1 (CENTRAL H.M.S. TAMAR - THE PEAK) WILL OPERATE UNTIL 4 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 2), WITH A FLAT FARE OF \$4.

MAXICAB ROUTE 30 (CAUSEWAY BAY - WATFORD ROAD) HEADING FOR CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ARSENAL STREET, GLOUCESTER ROAD, CLEVELAND STREET, KINGSTON STREET AND PATERSON STREET.

MAXICAB ROUTE 33 (NORTH POINT - WAN CHAI FERRY) HEADING FOR NORTH POINT (HEALTHY STREET EAST) WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EAST POINT ROAD, YEE WO STREET AND CAUSEWAY ROAD.

PEAK TRAM SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED TO 3 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 2) AND TO 1 AM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 3).

TRAM SERVICES BETWEEN WESTERN MARKET AND SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE EXTENDED ON FRIDAY NIGHT. THE LAST TRAMS WILL DEPART AT 12.53 AM ON SATURDAY FROM WESTERN MARKET AND 1.09 AM FROM SHAU KEI WAN.

ADDITIONAL TRAM SERVICES WILL BE INTRODUCED ON FRIDAY BETWEEN KENNEDY TOWN AND CAUSEWAY BAY. ON SATURDAY THE LAST TRAMS WILL LEAVE CAUSEWAY BAY AND KENNEDY TOWN AT 12.56 AM AND 1.30 AM RESPECTIVELY.

SUPPLEMENTARY TRAM SERVICES BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND WESTERN MARKET WILL LEAVE CAUSEWAY BAY AT 1.09 AM, 1.17 AM, 1.23 AM AND 1.29 AM ON SATURDAY.

THE LAST MTR TRAINS WILL DEPART AT CENTRAL STATION AND TSUEN WAN STATION AT 3 AM AND 2.44 AM RESPECTIVELY ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 2).

THERE WILL ALSO BE ADDITIONAL FERRY SERVICES ON OUTLYING DISTRICT ROUTES.

HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING SAILINGS WILL BE SUSPENDED ON OCTOBER 1:

- * THE 5.45 PM SAILING FROM CENTRAL TO TAI KOO SHING;
- * THE 5.20 PM - 6.20 PM SAILINGS FROM CENTRAL TO KWUN TONG; AND
- * THE 6 PM - 6.40 PM SAILINGS FROM KWUN TONG TO CENTRAL.

ADDITIONAL TRAINS FOR FESTIVAL PERIOD

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL RUN EXTRA TRAINS TO HELP COPE WITH THE TRAVEL RUSH TO AND FROM CHINA DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL PERIOD.

IN THE THREE DAYS FROM FRIDAY TO SUNDAY (OCTOBER 3), AN ADDITIONAL NORTHBOUND TRAIN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 6.13 AM WHILE A SOUTHBOUND TRAIN WILL LEAVE LO WU STATION AT 4.14 PM DAILY.

ELECTRIC TRAINS WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE AT 10-MINUTE INTERVALS BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND SHA TIN.

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TRIAL OPENING OF BUS-ONLY LANES TO OTHER TRAFFIC IN MID-LEVELS

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BUS-ONLY LANES IN THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES ON A TRIAL BASIS DURING THE FOUR SUNDAYS AND TWO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ON OCTOBER 2, 3, 10, 17, 24 AND 25, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THESE BUS-ONLY LANES ARE ON CAINE ROAD WESTBOUND= AND BONHAM ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN PARK ROAD AND CAINE ROAD= AND PARK ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN BONHAM ROAD AND LYTTTELTON ROAD.

THE DECISION TO OPEN THESE BUS-ONLY LANES WAS MADE ON THE ADVICE OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

DURING THESE HOLIDAY PERIODS THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE GENERAL TRAFFIC FLOW AND THE VARIATION OF BUS AND MAXICAB JOURNEY TIME IN THE AREA WITH THE AIM OF OPENING THE BUS-ONLY LANES TO OTHER TRAFFIC ON SUBSEQUENT HOLIDAY PERIODS.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT THE TRIAL OPENING WOULD BE SUSPENDED AT ANY TIME SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

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PLB PROHIBITED ZONES IN HUNG HOM

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER TAK MAN STREET IN HUNG HOM BETWEEN DOCK STREET AND MAN TAI STREET FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 1), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THIS PLB PROHIBITION WILL ALSO APPLY TO MAN TAI STREET AND MAN SIU STREET, HE ADDED.

HOWEVER, THE PLB PROHIBITION ON BULKELEY STREET FROM MING ON STREET TO TAKU STREET, AND ON WUHU STREET FROM MA TAU WAI ROAD TO DOCK STREET WILL BE RESCINDED AT THE SAME TIME.

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